# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes: February 13, 2020

Meeting Location:

Dept. of Human Assistance

2700 Fulton Ave

Sacramento, CA. 95821

Conference Room 58

Facilitator: Ernie Brown, Chair

**Staffed by:** Cindy Marks

Meeting Attendees:

* HSCC Members –Ernie Brown, Melinda Avey, Raymond Kemp, Robert Silva, Jr., Kula Koenig, Paul Tanner, Randy Hicks, Paula Green, Teresa Ogan, Steve Orkand, Caroline Lucas
* Ex-Officio Members – Michelle Callejas (DCFAS), Julie Gallelo (First 5)

Absent Members:

* HSCC Members – Steve Orkand, Caroline Lucas
* Ex-Officio Members: Bruce Wagstaff (CEO), Cindy Cavanaugh (Homeless Initiatives), Michelle Gorre for Peter Beilenson (OFCA), Xochitl Gomez (BOS), Eduardo Ameneyro (DHA)

**Public**: Patty Gainer, Melissa Jacobs (Mental Health)

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| Call to Order | Chair, Ernie Brown, welcomed everyone, introductions were made, and meeting called to informal order. | |
| Approval of January 9, 2020 Minutes | Approval of January 9, 2020 Minutes with corrections by Ernie Brown and Melinda Avey seconded. | |
| Presentation-Chris Pahule and Todd Smith with the Planning Commission | Chris Pahule and Todd Smith presented to the HSCC.   * In addition to long range planning efforts, the Planning Commission is responsible for conservation efforts as well. They are responsible for the General Plan of the county, community plans, and current planning activities such as land development requests. Then there is a review of community plans that have different guidelines and objectives. Every plan within the commission has a governing body. All zones and rezones are heard by the Board of Supervisors are heard by the Board of Supervisors for final action and implementation. * There are specific documents that are specific for certain zones for the county and varies greatly in * The Office of Planning and Environmental Review-Public Hearings and Public Review. The Office makes requests of the Planning Commission and ae required to be heard by the public, most notably those that dwell within 500 feet of the proposed planning location band must have a land division or use permit * Decisions are sent to land developer and land administrator * The Planning Commission meets with the California Planning Advisory Council (CPACs) in each area, such as the committee for agricultural products * All departments who may have conditions on the department will be heard on what is needed and will be reviewed again before approval * Over the past 18 months, the Planning Commission is working on changes to CPAC process. There are fourteen CPACs within the county. If one of them disagrees with a certain project, then it can be denied and they can almost request an appeal for the entire project. Since all of them have a different set of bylaws, and operating procedures, then there can be concerns. * Project Review Committee has become involved, which is comprised of most county departments and agencies (SMUD, Fire Department, etc.) that would provide input for each project   Todd Smith-Environmental Justice   * Environmental Justice is an effort and response to SB 1000 in 2016, which requires disadvantaged communities to invoke Environmental Justice into their plans such as better access to public facilities, healthy food, sanitary homes, physical activity, and newly added crime prevention. * The following are Environmental Justice Communities: North Highlands, West Arden Arcade, South Sacramento, a portion of North Vineyard. These were areas brought up by Call Enviro Screen. The EJ plan is attempting to assist these communicates by trying to incorporate the element of prioritizing investment in these communities. For example, they are trying to think differently and create a five year plan to see how these areas can be improved from sidewalk improvement to adding more grocery store in underdeveloped communities. The communities met over an eighteen month period and came up with Phase II in December 2019. They are now implementing and incorporating systemic elements which warrants the Planning Commission to prioritize these communities as an investment * The app Next Door complied date from 550 people by zip code into the General Plan moving forward to see what priorities are for the calendar next year. The Planning Commission wants to create a Report card to see what they completed as well as what they have not.   Questions from HSCC:   * Bob: Areas that were previously of concern as far as an approach for large projects moving forward? A: In March of 2019, questions were asked about streamlining the process of the CPACs and Environmental Justice in regards to housing. Currently, the way they notify people about applications are to connect with neighborhood. * Bob: Do you foresee affordable housing as laces like Dos Rios were shut down? A: This is a question for the City, not County of Sacramento, however, the PC does know that Dos Rios is due to be rebuilt * Ernie: Developing the County General Plan, the county once created a human services element of the General Plan. Is there any way to revise this to be included again? A: This is a bigger question and will be taken back to Planning Commission for review. * Kula: Are apartment dwellers on Next Door? A: Yes! What was the population information taken? Were marginalized populations included? A: The other avenues were the Panning Commission subscriber list as well as the PC website. The PC can look into expanding this base in the future. * Melinda: It seems to take a long time to gain approval for accessory units. Is the hastening process and is the cost less? A: Most accessory units now will no longer need a planning entitlement limitation. You may build up to 850 square feet on your property (or convert an existing structure) to be built as an accessory building and you will not need a permit. * Paul: When doing long term projects, can they have 24 hour restroom facilities and in addition if there can be these facilities in private residential areas? These types of concerns are not involved in the General Plan. This is a question for the parks and recreation district as they are in charge of the restroom facilities as well as Cindy Cavanaugh who is spearheading homeless and housing concerns * Raymond: As a homeowner who rents to others, when can the city/city absorb costs, such as tree removal? Is the city working to create “waterless yards” moving forward? A: The plan is to discuss during design review before building to ensure this is exactly what they discussed to ensure the correct plan is utilized. * Teresa: Is there an option for expanding shared housing a part of this as well? A: There has been a struggle with zoning codes and as there have been concerns with this, the PC does not have answers quite yet. * Randy: Homeowners doing modification extends on the sidewalk, then how does this get help? A: Planning Commission is not involved in this, but rather the Department of Transportation can be notified in these instances. * Randy: When they got rid of EOI and now have builders’ fees, they have less homes that seem to be accessible. There are supposed to be 7% of hones built should be of this. A: No answer at this time.   Chris and Todd thanked the HSCC members for their support. |
| Retreat Review January 2020 | It was felt overall that the focus was narrowed down to how we need to approach 2020, and everyone feels positive change moving forward. The SWOT Process was very much appreciated. | |
| Survey | There were only eight people who took the survey. Suggesting that there is a sub-committee to discuss the budget moving forward The HSCC should focus on building a stringer connection and visibility with the Board of Supervisors. We already have a standing meeting scheduled quarterly with the Chiefs of Staff. What topics should we discuss with them throughout the year? The other topic is the focus on integration of services and recommendations, needs of the community, and the focus of the HSCC on the county budget. There was as suggestion where there are multiple sessions where the HSCC learns the intricacies of the county budget to cover all these topics. They can also learn to advocate for budget topics that will benefit whomever they represent. The topic was brought up in regards to next month’s upcoming meeting in regards to the status of the County budget. Budget Discussion for next month-DHA, DCFAS, and BHS – We hope there will be a better understanding of the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year | |
| Suggestions for 2020 Speakers | January-Don Nottoli; February-Planning Commission; March-County Budget Discussion; April-Black Child Legacy; May- Julie Gallelo  Suggestions: Disability Compliance Office and more to come. | |
| Member Comments | No comments. | |
| Public Comments | No comments. | |
| Announcements | Randy: Cal AIM integrated medical program. Please look into this at this time.  Paula: Mental Health and the opiate crisis have caused an even deeper need for help in the medical community as far as the need for more medical personnel as well as Emergency Response. The Emergency Medical Advisory Council has been established and there will be a meeting today, February 13, 2020, if you would like to attend and gain more information in regards to these crises and how to help.  Melinda: Criminal Justice Committee made a proposal to MHSA Steering Committee services for severely mentally ill individuals who have just left jail to have a stable place to have availability for their medications and resources. This was approved by the Mental Health Services Committee and approved. Now this will be brought forth to the State to move forward for further approval. | |
| Adjournment | Meeting adjourned | |